

INTEREST INVENTORY

Thank you for answering this survey honestly, with thought, and taking the time to explain “why” when it is asked. This will greatly help me to learn more about you and your interests.

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1. What kind of books do you like to read?

Fantasy, Fiction, Romance, Mystery, Thriller, Historical Fiction, Dystopian Fiction

2. How do you get your news? What parts of the newspaper do you look at regularly?

Facebook, Yahoo!

3. What are your favorite magazines or web sites?

Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter

4. What type of programs do you prefer? Why?

Once Upon a Time, Criminal Minds, Grey's Anatomy, Friends, Big Band Theory, and Desperate Housewives.

5. What is your favorite activity or subject at school? Your least favorite? Why?

Favorite: English and art, because they are creative. Least favorite: Math, because I haven't taken a math course in four years.

6. What is your first choice about “what to do” when you have free time at home?

Crochet, read, write, have movie nights with friends (I love really old movies), etc.

7. What kinds of things have you collected? What do you do with the things you collect?

Books, pens, and school supplies. I either read or write or use them for their purpose. I'm guilty of not wanting to use a favorite pen, because I don't want the ink to run out.

8. If you could talk to any person currently living, who would it be? Why? Think of three things to ask the person.

J.K. Rowling, because she is one of my favorite authors; every time I read her writing it makes me want to write.

- 1.) What do you do when you're not writing?
- 2.) What is your favorite young adult book?
- 3.) What is your favorite holiday?

9. If you could talk to any person from history, who would it be? Why? Think of three questions you would ask the person.

Emily Bronte, because I love to read *Wuthering Heights* around winter every few years.

- 1.) What made you want to write in a time where women writers had a hard time achieving fame?
- 2.) Do you like Charlotte's *Jane Eyre*?
- 3.) What was your inspiration for *Wuthering Heights*?

10. What are your hobbies? How much time do you spend on your hobbies?

I like to crochet whenever I get a spare moment. I like to dance, but I normally don't get to do that as often as I would like. I also like to draw, and I usually do that every now and then. It takes me around an hour to finish a drawing; I like to draw scenes from old movies. I also like to cook, but being a broke college student has its limits when it comes to purchasing ingredients for certain recipes.

11. If you could have anything you want, regardless of money or natural ability, what would you choose? Why?

I would want to travel the world, buy a big house, and make sure my family was taken care of. I want to learn more about other countries and cultures. I want to decorate a big house with a limitless budget, because at one point I wanted to be an interior designer. I love my family, and I would spoil every single member of my family if I could.

12. What career(s) do you think might be suitable for you when you are an adult?

High school English teacher by day, writer by night. I have wanted to be a writer since I was 13-years old and read one of Meg Cabot's books, *All-American Girl*. I have always loved reading and stories. I feel like doing what I do best entails me being a teacher and a writer. I might also be able to fit librarian in there. My dream is to have an ultra large library, and spend hours and hours a day reading.

13. If you could spend a week job-shadowing any adult in any career, which would you choose and why?

Giada de Laurentis, who is a famous, food-network chef. She cooks the most delicious looking Italian meals, and watching her show always relaxes me. I love to cook, and I would love to learn from one of the best.

14. Tell about your favorite games.

I have a bunch of favorite games. I like hide-and-seek, from my childhood years. We all know how this one goes. You have a group of kids, one is the seeker, the others hide as best they can, and then the seeker goes around finding and tagging them. I love soccer, from my middle and high school years. It was one sport that I was always able to have fun with. The main idea is to score on the other team, and defend your own goal. I also liked volleyball in middle school. I still play it now whenever I can get a group together. As for board games, I love Clue (a mystery murder game), Cranium (a puzzle, problem-solving game), and Monopoly (a management game; I used to play it all the time with my granny). One game I would love to play more is chess. I used to play it a lot with my older brother on snow days, but I haven't been able to do so for a good while now.

15. What kinds of movies do you prefer to see? Why?

I spend a lot of time watching movies. I love so many different kinds it is hard to write them all down. I am a fan of old, black-and-white movies. I love older movies that have been put in color, *Gone With the Wind* for example. I love scary movies, action movies, thrillers, romantic comedies, drama, movies made from books. You name I probably like it. Although, I absolutely despise alien or robot movies with the exception of *Men in Black* and *Star Wars*.

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